



**SPECIAL COMMON COUNCIL MEETING  
AUGUST 1, 2011  
6:00 P.M.**

<b>Regular Meeting</b>	The Special meeting of the Common Council of the City of Middletown was held in the Council Chamber of the Municipal Building on Monday, August 1, 2011 at 6 p.m.
<b>Present</b>	Deputy Mayor Joseph E. Bibisi, Council members: Philip J. Pessina, Robert P. Santangelo, James B. Streeto, Grady L. Faulkner, Jr., David Bauer; Sergeant-at-arms, Acting Chief of Police Patrick McMahon; and Common Council Clerk Marie O. Norwood
<b>Absent</b>	Mayor Sebastian N. Giuliano, Council members, Thomas J. Serra, Ronald P. Klattenberg, Gerald E. Daley, Hope P. Kasper, Deborah A. Kleckowski, Daniel T. Drew, and Corporation Counsel William Howard
<b>Also Present</b>	Public Works Director Bill Russo, Finance Director Carl Erlacher, Central Communications Director Wayne Bartolotta, Director of IT William Oliver, Planning, Conservation, and Development Director Bill Warner, Acting Parking Director Roger Beliveau, Health Director Joseph Havlicek, Acting City Attorney Timothy Lynch, and Emergency Management Director Bruce Driska.
<b>Meeting Called to Order</b>	The Acting Chair calls the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. and asks Councilman Bauer to lead the public in the pledge of Allegiance.
<b>Call of Meeting Read</b>	The Call of the meeting is read and accepted. The Deputy Mayor declares this call a legal call and the meeting a legal meeting.
<b>Workshop Opens</b>	<p>The Acting Chair opens Questions to Directors workshop at 6:07 p.m.</p> <p>Councilman Bauer asks for Acting Police Chief McMahon to come forward. Councilman Bauer states he found it extraordinary to look at transfers and it was the longest transfer list he has seen. Can you walk me through; we made additional appropriations for overtime and it seems the transfers were made to cover more overtime. Can you put it into perspective how the department wrapped up their fiscal year. Acting Chief McMahon responds there are three overtime line items. Councilman Bauer states the largest was Overtime, Overtime. Acting Chief McMahon he states it was for training; he made a budget and the Council cut it. There was training that was overspent. Councilman Bauer states the Police Department usually returns money at the end of the year; are you returning money. Acting Chief McMahon responds, yes; they were 1 to 2 percent under. Private duty was over so we made more than we projected and we spent less than what was projected.</p> <p>Acting Chair Bibisi asks on agenda item 9-1, he is in favor of it. Acting Chief McMahon responds that is Communication. Acting Chair Bibisi states you do storage of evidence and what is the chain of evidence to preserve the integrity of evidence. Acting Chief McMahon states the integrity belongs to the officer until it is in the box; then it is Middletown's. Acting Chair Bibisi states the Portland officer places evidence in the box. Acting Chief McMahon responds yes, just like the Middletown Department, the officer is responsible for the evidence until it is placed in the box. We did it for Portland and it was never in the contract. Acting Chair Bibisi states we will be subject to subpoena for the chain of evidence. The Acting Chief responds it will be billed to Portland. We won't take anything that won't fit in the box.</p> <p>Councilman Bauer asks to address questions for Public Works and the Finance Director. He has a question on the fuel. Mr. Russo states he doesn't have the account. Councilman Bauer asks Mr. Erlacher about the transfer to cover fuel expenditures. He wonders in our current fiscal year, we flat lined those numbers, are we in trouble. Mr. Erlacher responds the price of gas will determine it. Total utilities were within the budget. They juggled dollars in the various line items. Councilman Bauer states the City doesn't pay the sales tax, but if gas stays at \$4.00 are we in trouble. Mr. Erlacher responds it will be tight. The Council took an aggressive look at the budget; right now, I can't really tell you. He continues there was not one City Department that exceeded their budget and Police was \$10,000 under.</p>

Acting Chair Bibisi asks if there are any questions to other directors; seeing none, he closes the workshop for questions to directors at 6:14 p.m.

**Motion to Adjourn**

Councilman Bauer moves to adjourn and is seconded by Councilman Pessina. The vote is called and it is unanimous to adjourn. The Acting Chair declares the meeting adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

ATTEST:

MARIE O NORWOOD  
Common Council Clerk